

## Announcements

**Welcome.** We extend a warm welcome to all who worship with us today. If you are a visitor, please feel free to pick up a blue informational folder outside the entrances to the sanctuary to learn more about our church. Also, please fill out a visitor card in the pew racks and place in the offering plate so we can have a record of your visit. Thank you.

**Thank You!** Thank you to all who had a part in making our Easter activities so inspiring and enjoyable. The decorations, food, preaching, and the music from the Choir made our celebration very special.

**Easter Denominational Offering.** Each year at Easter time the ARP Church collects a special offering to support some of the ministries of our denomination. The flyer and envelopes can be located at each entrance of the sanctuary. Please use the special envelope provided. This offering will be collected today through next Sunday, April 19, 2015.

**Ladies Bible Study.** Several women of our church enjoyed the fellowship and lesson studied together at our first Bible study meeting. The next meeting is today, April, 4/12/15. Please bring your lunch and meet in the fellowship hall immediately after the closing of the 11:00 worship. Janice Richardson will lead our study. All women are welcome!

**Young at Heart.** Our next Young at Heart fellowship will be Tuesday April 28 at 11:45 in the Fellowship Hall. The menu will be baked spaghetti, salad, bread and dessert. Any food contributions will be appreciated. Grady Pack will give a program about restoring carousels. Last month we had 20 present for a wonderful time of food and fellowship!

**Meals on Wheels.** Volunteers are needed for Monday, May 11 and Tuesday, May 12. Please contact Glenn or Margaret Owens if you are able to help on one or both days. Please also consider letting them know if you are willing to be put on a list for when volunteers are needed.

**Graduation Party.** You are invited to a graduation party in honor of Kathryn Richardson on May 16, 2015 at 5 PM in the church Fellowship Hall. RSVP by Monday April 20, 2015 to Janice Richardson 336-449-7057 or Email at [bestelect1@embarqmail.com](mailto:bestelect1@embarqmail.com).

### Upcoming Preaching Schedule:

Today: Dr. Bob Wilson

Next Week: Rev. Stephen Crotts

## Ministry Information

### Nursery:

Today: Macon Baird and Fran Haynes

Next Week: Karen Jones and Doug Cobb

### Counter:

Today: Gene Parks

Next Week: Bill Haynes

### Deacon on Duty:

Today: Doug Glass

Next Week: Stephen Robinson

### Elder Greeter:

Today: Bennett Richardson

Next Week: John Robinson

### Tithes and Offerings for April 5:

General Fund	\$ 3,929.79
Easter Offering	\$ 986.00
Floral	\$ 67.00

## The Session

Vice Moderator: Gene Parks

Clerk: Jim Knox

2015: Jim Knox, Gene Parks

2017: Bill Haynes

2018: Bennett Richardson, John Robinson, Jay Snow

## The Diaconate

Chairman: Doug Glass

V-Chairman/Secretary: David Newton

2015: Doug Glass

2016: David Newton

2017 : Macon Baird, Stephen Robinson

## Congregational Officers

Trustees: Gene Parks (2015), Ferald Mann (2016),  
Steve Kyaw (2017), Jim Knox (2018)

Congregational Chairperson: Dot Hutelmyer

Congregational Treasurer: Laurene Howington

Congregational Secretary: Jim Knox

## Women's Ministries

Women's Ministries Coordinator: Jessica Richardson

## Church Staff

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# First Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church

The Second Sunday of Easter

April 12, 2015

## Preparation

Silent Meditation - II Peter 3: 1-18

This is now, beloved, the second letter I am writing to you in which I am stirring up your sincere mind by way of reminder, that you should remember the words spoken beforehand by the holy prophets and the commandment of the Lord and Savior *spoken* by your apostles. Know this first of all, that in the last days mockers will come with *their* mocking, following after their own lusts, and saying, "Where is the promise of His coming? For *ever* since the fathers fell asleep, all continues just as it was from the beginning of creation." For when they maintain this, it escapes their notice that by the word of God *the* heavens existed long ago and *the* earth was formed out of water and by water, through which the world at that time was destroyed, being flooded with water. But by His word the present heavens and earth are being reserved for fire, kept for the day of judgment and destruction of ungodly men. But do not let this one *fact* escape your notice, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years like one day. The Lord is not slow about His promise, as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing for any to perish but for all to come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, in which the heavens will pass away with a roar and the elements will be destroyed with intense heat, and the earth and its works will be burned up. Since all these things are to be destroyed in this way, what sort of people ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness, looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be destroyed by burning, and the elements will melt with intense heat! But according to His promise we are looking for new heavens and a new earth, in which righteousness dwells. Therefore, beloved, since you look for these things, be diligent to be found by Him in peace, spotless and blameless, and regard the patience of our Lord *as* salvation; just as also our beloved brother Paul, according to the wisdom given him, wrote to you, as also in all *his* letters, speaking in them of these things, in which are some things hard to understand, which the untaught and unstable distort, as *they do* also the rest of the Scriptures, to their own destruction. You therefore, beloved, knowing this beforehand, be on your guard so that you are not carried away by the error of unprincipled men and fall from your own steadfastness, but grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him *be* the glory, both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.

Prelude

*Julie Snow*

Welcome, Announcements, and Greeting

Call to Worship - Psalm 145:1-3 (Responsive Reading)

I will extol You, my God, O King,

**And I will bless Your name forever and ever.  
Every day I will bless You,**

And I will praise Your name forever and ever.

**Great is the Lord, and highly to be praised,  
And His greatness is unsearchable.**

\* Congregation Standing

* Hymn of Preparation 29	Glorify Thy Name	<i>Glorify Thy Name</i>
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## Adoration

* Invocation		
* Hymn of Adoration 108	Come, Christians, Join to Sing	<i>Madrid</i>

## Confession

Corporate Prayer of Confession - Luke 18:9-13

***And He also told this parable to some people who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and viewed others with contempt: “Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood and was praying this to himself: ‘God, I thank You that I am not like other people: swindlers, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I pay tithes of all that I get.’ But the tax collector, standing some distance away, was even unwilling to lift up his eyes to heaven, but was beating his breast, saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, the sinner!’”***

Silent Prayers of Personal Confession

Assurance of Pardon - Luke 18:14

*I tell you, this man went to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but he who humbles himself will be exalted.”*

\* Gloria Patri

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.*

## Proclamation

Old Testament Reading - Malachi 3:1-6

***“Behold, I am going to send My messenger, and he will clear the way before Me. And the Lord, whom you seek, will suddenly come to His temple; and the messenger of the covenant, in whom you delight, behold, He is coming,” says the Lord of hosts. “But who can endure the day of His coming? And who can stand when He appears? For He is like a refiner’s fire and like fullers’ soap. He will sit as a smelter and purifier of silver, and He will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, so that they may present to the Lord offerings in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years. “Then I will draw near to you for judgment; and I will be a swift witness against the sorcerers and against the adulterers and against those who swear falsely, and against those who oppress the wage earner in his wages, the widow and the orphan, and those who turn aside the alien and do not fear Me,” says the Lord of hosts.***

*Minister* The Word of the Lord  
*People* ***Thanks be to God.***

Anthem Antiphonal Praise *Choir*

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Prayer for Illumination

Sermon Jesus is Coming Again! Dr. Bob Wilson

## Dedication

\* Hymn of Response  
473 Victory in Jesus *Hartford*

Affirmation of Faith — Apostles Creed

***I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty. From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.***

Prayer of Intercession and Lord’s Prayer

***Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors, and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.***

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings *Ed Limon*

\* Doxology  
***Praise God from Whom all blessings flow  
Praise Him all creatures here below  
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
Amen***

Closing Prayer

Postlude